



Starting in January, **Centennial will be an off-site location for Brewton Parker and Temple Baptist Theological Seminary.** The Georgia Baptist Bible Institute (GBBI) of Brewton-Parker College is a collaborative effort with local Baptist Associations which **provides Biblical and Ministry training for pastors, ministers, or lay persons who desire to increase their effectiveness in ministry and pursue a college education.**

Do you have a personal goal to finish your undergrad? Or maybe you just like the idea of taking college level courses as a way to enrich your personal knowledge of Scripture. This program was created with you in mind. **Classes are now open for registration.** All you need to do is follow the link below for more detailed information.

<p>Faithfully Providing Ministry Training – committed to the Baptist Faith & Message 2000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program is designed to support pastors and churches. • Courses are geared toward ministry training. • All professors are serving in ministry and are approved by Brewton-Parker College. 	<p>Admission Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed for the non-traditional or returning student. • A high school diploma or equivalent transcript must be sent to BPC.
<p>Affordable and Accessible – committed to making ministry training affordable and flexible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester length courses • Courses are all in-seat at a local site • \$150 per course (with one-time application and registration fees.) • Fully accredited college credit – up to 27 credit hours 	<p>Current Classes for Centennial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHR 100 Intro to Christian Worldview • CHR 101 Intro to Old Testament • Classes begin January 8, 2024 • Location: First Baptist Church, Barnesville <p>How to Apply and Register:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply online for the GBBI program at www.apply.gbbi.bpc.edu • Once you have applied, you can register for your class online or by using the form provided by your instructor.



Centennial's
MINISTERS & SPOUSES
Christmas
DINNER

DECEMBER 7TH AT 6:30 PM
RSVP FOR THE MEAL & NURSERY TO
770-314-6037 BY 12/1

SOUTHERN PIT BAR-B-Q
2964 N EXPRESSWAY
GRIFFIN, GA 30223

HOSTED BY GBMB PASTOR WELLNESS & CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION

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Courses provided by Temple Baptist Theological Seminary of Brewton-Parker College *Biblically Based—Ministry Focused*

Apply Now: www.apply.GBBI.bpc.edu

More information at www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/registration

A Word from Your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

Thank you to all who attended Centennial's 140th Annual Fall Meeting. East Thomaston did a wonderful job hosting us, and it was once again an exciting time of fellowship and reporting on what God is doing in our association.

For those who were unable to attend, here is a quick recap:

- Committees and Priority Teams reported on their work this year and plans for the next year.
- The budget for 2024 and a new slate of officers was approved.
- Eddie Johnson completed his term as Moderator. We thank him for his service.
- The Membership Committee recommended we receive Graceview Church as a new member church which met with unanimous approval. Graceview will be under watchcare for one year.
- Church Health and Strengthening announced a new partnership with Brewton Parker College to offer in-person, college level courses here beginning in January.
- Missions and Community Impact reminded us of so much that is being done including the Dental Clinic, the Outreach Trailer, our Thailand Partnership, support of New Mercies Biblical Counseling and projected plans to encourage Foster Care and Adoption.
- Gabe Thomas, our Campus Minister at Gordon State College, reported an increase in involvement among students at both weekly Bible studies and regular



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worship Gatherings. He also thanked churches for their participation on campus. Our spring meeting focused on Campus and Collegiate Ministry in 2023.

- Church Planting and Replanting began its first year with some training and preparation for opportunities God may have for us soon.

- We were blessed to have the Blackmons with us from Bangkok, Thailand. John updated us on their ministry there with Calvary International Baptist Church. We ended our time of worship with a time of prayer as Cheryl prayed for us, and we prayed for them.

I am very thankful for what God is doing through the ministries of the churches of Centennial. We are blessed to have such a spirit of cooperation. Your continued support allows us to dream big about how we can impact the communities we serve.

I often hear how churches struggle to keep pastors and staff for long tenures. I am thankful that for the most part, that is not the case here at Centennial. We have a culture of pastors investing their lives for 10, 20, 30 or more years. That says a lot about who we are. In October we lost our longest serving pastor. Pastor Albert Parker served Culloden Baptist Church faithfully for 62 years. He never failed to encourage me and inspire me to serve the Lord and His Church well. I am grateful for his legacy, and I am hopeful that others will follow his example of faithful, long-term service to the local churches here in our association. Please pray for the Parker family and for Culloden Baptist Church.

Calling Out

THE CALLED

201st Annual Meeting of the
Georgia Baptist Convention
11/12-14/2023
Church on the Main, Snellville GA

Register as a
Messenger

Schedule of
Events



Blackmons in Bangkok

It was so good to see the Blackmons in Georgia! Thank you to everyone that joined them for the Annual Fall meeting held at East Thomaston. Please continue to pray for John, Cheryl, Lillie Jo and Josiah as they conclude their travels and return home to Bangkok. It was hard to say goodbye for now. We look forward to future plans for partnering with them for short and long term mission trips. Stay tuned for upcoming dates and details!

If you want to stay in touch, see current photos, and pray specifically, subscribe to their newsletter by simply emailing bangkokblackmons@gmail.com or by following John on at [facebook.com/john.blackmon.39](https://www.facebook.com/john.blackmon.39) Please clearly mark all financial support sent to, PO BOX 210, Thomaston, GA 30286 for "Thailand Missions". [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Centennial's partnership with the Blackmons.



Love & Laughter

DATE NIGHT
WITH
JEFF & DEBBY MCELROY

NOVEMBER 17 7-9:30PM

\$35 PER COUPLE

HOSTED BY:
FIRST BAPTIST BARNESVILLE

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MINISTER ROUNDTABLES

Upson-Pike Monroe-Lamar
 Nov 30 · 10 AM Dec 5 · 10 AM
 Country Cupboard New Providence BC

No one knows what it is like to pastor a church but a pastor. Each of us comes to the table with different perspectives, levels of experience, and personal challenges. We all leave the table encouraged and knowing that we are not alone.

**DISCIPLESHIP
 LEARNING
 COMMUNITIES**

*With
 Matthew
 Gibbs*

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

LEARN MORE

DECEMBER 12TH
 12-1 PM OR 6-7 PM
 FBC BARNESVILLE
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One of the most asked questions we get as an association is “How can I help my church grow?”

Although there are several ways to measure growth, most would agree that making more disciples and helping them grow in their personal walk with the Lord is a key part of any healthy church growth. The purpose of a Discipleship Learning Community is to work through specific principles related to discipleship in order to implement them in your church.



IMB

Week of Prayer for

International Missions

December 3-10



Called Cohort

Do you know a young person whom God is calling to vocational ministry?

Are you willing to mentor young people as they pursue God’s call?

Called Cohorts are monthly Zoom calls designed to give young people the skills needed to follow God’s call on their lives. God is calling middle schoolers, high schoolers, college students, and young adults to serve Him, and we want to help. Leaders are needed to guide students through the process. We also need your help connecting us to students who want to be a part of a Called Cohort.

Contact **Steve** at cbaamsteve@gmail.com or **770-314-6107** for more information.

Centennial Baptist Family,

As we approach this season of Thanksgiving, I want to say to all of you how thankful I am for your support of collegiate ministry at Gordon State College. I love college ministry. I believe that there is no age group that is more ready to impact the world for God’s Kingdom than college students. But too many college students walk in darkness. But with your generous support we are able to invest in the ministry on our campus.



The money budgeted for BCM and donated to our designated account has gone to help with outreach events throughout the semester. It helped us pay for a banner to place on our table when we set up on campus and try to engage with students we haven’t met before. It helped our fall conference be more affordable so students could go and grow as well as build relationships with one another. Next semester, that money will help us cover the cost of food when we go on our Spring Break Mission trip to serve in Brooklyn, New York.

It’s not just money. Many of you have come and served alongside us as we try to reach our campus. There is no greater example of the love of Christ than when we look around and see people from all across our association helping students move into their dorms in the August heat. Students see the love of Christ when you supply food and come get to know them at a BCM event. If you would like to discuss more about how you could help serve BCM through financial contribution or by helping with a BCM event, please email or call me. Thank you Centennial Baptist Association for loving the students of Gordon State College.

Gabe Thomas
 Campus Minister for the
 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
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CBA Financials for October 2023

	October 23	Jan - Oct 23
Checking Interest	3.67	39.60
Antioch	0.00	5,328.17
Bethany	666.66	333.30
Beulah	572.00	2,667.00
Calvary	363.18	2,490.03
Clark's Chapel	100.00	1,000.00
Concord	150.00	1,500.00
Culloden	0.00	450.00
East Thomaston	350.39	3,115.59
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	0.00	16,095.89
FBC Forsyth	100.00	1,000.00
FBC of High Falls	1,256.34	4,468.79
FBC Thomaston	849.41	9,745.90
Fellowship	200.06	2,237.98
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	1,988.00
Jeff Davis	0.00	75.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	1,500.00
Maynard	552.28	7,911.54
Meansville	250.00	2,500.00
Milner	314.43	4,131.45
Mount Olive	1,742.79	16,537.34
Mountain View	2,042.00	22,158.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Neal	50.00	500.00
New Bethel	50.00	500.00
New Harmony	159.68	430.88
New Hope Zebulon	306.99	3,473.63
Pritchett Memorial	176.76	1,938.60
Russellville	0.00	778.45
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	2,200.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	500.00
Silvertown	0.00	919.11
The Rock	0.00	1,618.97
Trinity	300.00	3,000.00
Valley Grove	0.00	3,861.25
Yatesville	175.00	1,750.00
Total Receipts	10,931.64	131,744.47

Disbursements for October 2023	
Total Budgeted Expenditures	11,407.46
Designated Accounts Expenses	4,599.98
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	(475.82)

Opportunities & Church News (Full job descriptions and other positions are listed [HERE](#))
Bethany is seeking a **PT Children's Director**. For more information or to apply contact the church office at 478-974-0002.
Concord is seeking a full-time **Minister to Students and Family**. Send resumes to jeff.yearwood@fnf.com
FBC Forsyth is seeking both an **organist and pianist** to play for their traditional service. Contact jerryelder@fbcforsyth.com
FBC Thomaston is seeking paid **Nursery workers** for Sunday AM, Sunday PM & Wednesday PM services. Please contact Ted Kandler at FBC Thomaston, 706-647-7889.
Russellville is seeking a **Music Director & Pianist** Resumes can be sent to Russellville Baptist Church, P. O Box 6004, Forsyth, GA, 31029 or to Mary Ann Jarrell, Church Clerk, 1212 Abercrombie Road, Culloden, GA, 31016. For more information call 478-955-7375 or e-mail ma.jarrell@hotmail.com.

November 2023			
6	Gordon BCM- Dodgeball & Chili dogs	Gordon College, Barnesville	6-7 PM
7	Steering Committee Meeting	The Rock Church, The Rock	6:30- 7:30 PM
12-14	Georgia Baptist Convention	Church on the Main, Snellville	Sun PM-Tues PM
13	Gordon BCM- The Gathering	Gordon College, Barnesville	6:30-8:30 PM
23	Thanksgiving Day		
27	Gordon BCM- The Gathering	Gordon College, Barnesville	6:30- 8:30 PM
December 2023			
3-10	Week of Prayer for International Missions	All SBC Churches	All week
4	Gordon BCM- Study Break	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	6:00-8:00 PM
7	Minister & Spouses Dinner	McGhin's Southern Pit Bar-B-Q	6:30 PM-8:30 PM
12	Discipleship Learning Community	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	6:30 PM
25-01	Christmas & New Year's Day	CBA Office Closed	All week
January 2024			
8	GBBI classes begin	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	6:00-8:30 PM
11	Steering Committee	The Rock Church, The Rock	6:30 PM
18	Discipleship Learning Community	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	6:30 PM



Dates: Thursday-Saturday, January 18-20, 2024
Location: Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge
Address: 7000 Lanier Islands Pkwy, Buford, GA 30518

This retreat is designed specifically for ministry wives whose husbands serve in a Georgia Baptist Mission Board affiliated church or ministry capacity. It is designed to be a time of spiritual, emotional, and physical renewal. "Hold On" is what Hebrews 10:23 preaches. "Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

Registration is open now. Click [HERE](#) to register. Or visit <https://ga.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55236516>